



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

8:30 AM

Community Hall

Budget Workshop

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Dainiels joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Vice Mayor Bob Daniels, Council Member Richard Cautero, Council Member Fred Fraize, Council Member Charles Newsom and Council Member Margaret Fiedler

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, Finance Director Linda Senne, Controller Joe Welch, Human Resources Director Alan Bullock, City Attorney Dave Persson, Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Deputy Fire Chief Frank Giddens, Police Chief Tom Mattmuller, Assistant City Manager Len Bramble, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Grants Administrator Brenda Westlake, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, and Fleet Manager Travis Hout.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Senne.

I. INTRODUCTION BY CITY MANAGER ED LAVALLEE

Mr. Lavallee provided an overview of the meeting.

II. PRESENTATIONS

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City Wide

Ms. Senne spoke regarding the city wide budget message, additional personnel, one-cent sales tax fund, proposed fiscal year (FY) 2019 budget, debt service millage, work charts, Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) summary, and responded to council questions regarding debt service millage.

Discussion took place on long term bonds and millage.

Ms. Senne responded to council questions regarding raising the millage rate to offset inflation.

Mr. Welch commented on inflation contributing to the city's revenue.

Discussion took place on millage rate and workers' compensation claims.

Mr. Bullock spoke to workers' compensation claims.

Discussion followed regarding workers' compensation claims for public works, fire and police impact fees, areas affecting the general fund, traffic ticket fines, property values, and flexible spending.

Mr. Bullock spoke on flexible spending to include medical and dependent care.

Discussion took place regarding city vehicles, FY18 fire department's charges for services, homestead exemption amendment, millage rate, paying off debt service, fire fee, FY20 one-cent sales tax fund budget, police and fire department's pension, Sarasota County commission's review of the city's revenue, land for public works, county reinvestment program (CRP), required and excess reserves, inflation, workers' compensation, Ms. Senne providing council with the annual total number of city staff since 2000, property taxes, increasing general fund revenue, budget amendments and surplus, and annual required contribution (ARC).

Ms. Senne commented on the adoption of the ordinance increasing the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for police and impacts to the general fund budget.

Discussion followed on current debt, interest rates, and the county's level of service (LOS).

Recess was taken from 9:55 a.m. until 10:03 a.m.

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City Attorney - City Attorney Dave Persson

Mr. Persson reviewed proposed FY19 budget and commented on current litigations.

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General Fund

Ms. Senne spoke regarding the general fund budget to include licenses and permits, extraordinary mitigation fees (EMF)s, and intergovernmental

revenues.

Discussion followed on ad valorem revenues, areas to increase fees, personnel budget, license and permit fees, charges for services, increasing revenues, miscellaneous fund, the Venice Fishing Pier, reserves, police and fire insurance premium taxes and casualty insurance, electric franchise fee rates, revenue from propane gas sales, general fund, communication service tax, one-cent sales tax, increasing millage rate, EMF revenue, non-ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, COLA, homestead credit, intergovernmental fund revenue sharing, and employee wages.

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One Cent Sales Tax

Ms. Senne commented on FY19 estimated revenues, expenditures, and police fleet vehicles.

Mr. Welch spoke regarding items in the one-cent sales tax fund.

Discussion followed regarding the budget, police firing range, energy savings, Cultural Campus lighting, police replacement vehicles, number of police vehicles, library reading garden, the Venice Community Center (VCC) to include privatizing and generating revenue, monetizing facilities/assets, facility condition assessment (FCA), Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) building, and Florida Power and Light (FPL) energy projects.

Mr. Bramble commented on FPL projects and capital costs.

Mr. Veneziano commented on energy saving expenses.

Discussion followed on health care costs, firing range, Higel Park, the VCC, partnership with the county, Hamilton Building, and meeting space.

Ms. Gates left the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Discussion ensued on street lights and the Triangle Inn.

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on Triangle Inn repairs.

Ms. Gates returned to the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Mr. Veneziano spoke to the condition of the police firing range and solid waste and recycling facility, and responded to council questions regarding potential grant money and cost savings for the Triangle Inn.

Mr. Welch commented on the FCA and unfunded items in the general fund.

Recess was taken from 11:49 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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Engineering, Stormwater and Streets Capital Projects - City Engineer Kathleen Weeden

Ms. Weeden spoke regarding the engineering budget, staffing, the Venice Fishing Pier and downtown construction project completion time frames, Venezia Park, park priorities, and parks master plan.

Discussion followed on the parks master plan.

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions on gateway project, park impact fees, and Venezia Park project.

Discussion took place on the Ajax property, Lord Higel House parking, fee for final plats and staff comparing fee schedules from other jurisdictions, city hall parking lot resurfacing, road impact fees, Pinebrook Road and East Venice Avenue intersection improvements, the need for a park in northeast Venice, conducting resident surveys for Venezia Park, staff considering a dog park at the Ajax property and pickleball at Legacy Park, potential locations for parks and indoor sports complex, Chuck Reiter Field, downtown construction and sidewalks, and cost to use city public space.

Mr. Lavallee commented on the fee schedule for use of city public space.

Ms. Weeden responded to council questions regarding the Capri IsleS bridge, Triple Diamond, Knights Trail, and redirecting multi-axle vehicles during downtown construction.

Discussion took place on staff reviewing and evaluating Ajax property uses, charging for use of public space and conducting a competitive analysis, Ajax property access, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects, and gateway improvements.

Ms. Weeden spoke on the stormwater crew leader, Live Oaks, Nokomis Avenue drainage, budget, rate study, and condition assessment, and responded to questions regarding capacity fees, dredging Curry Creek, stormwater fees, preparing for hurricane season, Nokomis Avenue stormwater project completion date, funding sources, street sweeping, roadway patches, and maintenance of county waterways/ditches.

Recess was taken from 2:30 p.m. until 2:35 p.m.

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Public Works - Director John Veneziano

Mr. Veneziano provided a brief overview of the public works budget, solid waste and recycling fund, and automation, and responded to council questions regarding data on single-stream recycling.

Mr. Veneziano spoke on landfill fees and responded to council questions on the county's collection hours of operation, increasing the rate to balance budget, and operating capital costs of trucks.

Mr. Welch commented on the solid waste budget and fleet replacement fund.

Discussion continued regarding recycling costs, rate increase, automation, truck oil leaks, parks and recreation budget, John Nolen plan, solid waste outside bid, solid waste and recycling pickups, relocation of the solid waste facility, solid waste fleet, revenue stream, developing a way to charge based upon what is being disposed, hydraulic leaks, department staffing level and needs, budget for historical buildings, adopt-a-park, seasonal help, and GPS installation in city vehicles.

Mr. Hout commented on tracking city vehicles and fuel consumption.

Discussion followed regarding pooled cash, commercial versus residential pickups, charging for beach parking, Lord Higel House, and recycling tracking.

Recess was taken from 3:43 p.m. until 3:50 p.m.

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Fire - Chief Shawn Carvey

Chief Carvey spoke to proposed fire assessment fee resolution, goals and objectives, general operating budget, 10 year capital overview, funding fire station no. 1, and feasibility study to take over advanced life support (ALS) services, and responded to council questions regarding study, cost to replace fire station no. 1, generator cost, and building reserve.

Ms. Senne commented on the building reserve and fleet fund.

Discussion took place on reviewing fire fee in the fall, community outreach, developing a fact sheet for residents, marine fire pump, West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) funding, Lord Higel House, ladder truck, communication with the county, emergency management services (EMS), jaws of life tool, meetings held at fire station no. 3, updating city emergency management plan (CEMP), operating costs, including capital costs, and state revolving funds.

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Human Resources - Director Alan Bullock

This item will be discussed on June 15, 2018.

[18-3356](#) Information Technology - Director Christophe St. Luce

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[18-3357](#) Police - Chief Tom Mattmuller

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[18-3358](#) Airport - Director Mark Cervasio

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[18-3359](#) Building, Planning, Code Enforcement - Development Services Director
Jeff Shrum

This item will be discussed on June 15, 2018.

[18-3360](#) Utilities - Director Javier Vargas

This item will be discussed on June 15, 2018.

[18-3361](#) City Council & City Clerk - City Clerk Lori Stelzer

This item will be discussed on June 15, 2018.

[18-3362](#) City Manager - City Manager Ed Lavallee

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[18-3363](#) Finance - Director Linda Senne

This item will be discussed on June 15, 2018.

[18-3364](#) All Other Funds

This item will be discussed on June 15, 2018.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

No one signed up to speak.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk