



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

5:01 PM

Council Chambers

Budget Public Hearing

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 - Mayor John Holic, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels, Council Member Richard Cautero and Council Member Fred Fraize
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Deborah Anderson

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Manager Ed Lavallee, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, Fire Chief Shawn Carvey, Finance Director Linda Senne, Controller Joe Welch, City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, and Public Works Director John Veneziano.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Stelzer.

Discussion took place on the budget meeting being rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma and council members availability, and clarification was provided as to only five members needed to be present to hold a meeting.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

[ORD. NO.](#)
[2017-30](#)

An Ordinance of the City of Venice, Sarasota County, Florida, Adopting the Final Levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Venice for Fiscal Year 2018; and Providing an Effective Date

Ms. Stelzer clarified the millage terms to include the current millage, which is 3.600 mills, is the millage that was set last year, on which the last ad valorem taxes were calculated. The rolled-back millage is the rate required to collect the same amount of money as last year with this year's valuation, which is 3.4210 mills. The tentative operating millage is 3.600 mills, which

was set by Council in July, sent out in the TRIM notices from the Property Appraiser's office and represents an amount 5.23% greater than the rolled back rate. The voted debt service millage is .6780 mills.

Mr. Lavallee commented on budget adjustments made by the finance department.

Ms. Senne spoke on fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget changes to the general fund since the June 29, 2017 budget workshop to include removal of the fire assessment fee, fire department funds, depreciation, fund expenses, revenue, predicted and unassigned fund balance, extraordinary mitigation fees (EMF), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement rate.

Discussion took place on FY17 expected general fund balance, expenses, fire capital into the one-cent sales tax, FY17 surplus, fire department's operating revenue, city's financial status, FY19 fire department funding, financial protocol, and planning.

Ms. Senne spoke on the one-cent sales tax fund to include fire fee, Triangle Inn windows project and donation, projected fund balance, public works conditional assessment, and pier fixture.

Discussion followed regarding FEMA relief for pier repairs.

Ms. Senne spoke on budgeting money for the pier, Venetian Gateway improvements, and Anita's Sandcastle.

Discussion followed regarding impact fees for the fire and police departments, Triangle Inn expenses and revenue, and archives donation.

Ms. Senne spoke on the 301 capital project funds, adding \$275,000 for the Venetian Walk II project, 302 streets capital projects fund, beach renourishment fund to include grant revenues, utilities, stormwater, and fleet replacement funds, and trolley and advertisement removal from the general fund.

Discussion took place on the fire engine, consolidation of the fire department study, purchase and expenditures of critical equipment, depreciation schedule, depreciable items, and general fund.

Chief Carvey commented on the purchase of the command and fire prevention vehicles.

Discussion followed on removing \$25,000 expense for purchase of fire

prevention unit 151 from the one-cent sales tax.

Ms. Weeden provided an update on the pier to include structural inspection, stabilizing railings, placing competitive bid, adding project to one-cent sales tax budget, and repair estimates.

There was council consensus to budget \$700,000 for pier repairs.

Discussion followed on adjusting the one-cent sales tax budget.

Mayor Holic opened the public hearing.

No written communication was received and no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Holic closed the public hearing.

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Gates, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-30 on first reading and schedule for final reading.

Mr. Cautero commented on the budget.

Mr. Lavallee spoke on public trust, staff recognition, and city accomplishments.

Discussion took place on staff leadership and list of city accomplishments.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

**[ORD. NO.
2017-31](#)**

An Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Official Budget of the City of Venice, Florida, for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2017 and Ending September 30, 2018; Providing that Disbursements shall not Exceed Fund Budgets Without City Council Approval, and Granting the Authority to the City Manager to Make Certain Departmental Transfers Within the Approved Fund Budgets

Ms. Stelzer read the ordinance by title only and suggested council include Ms. Senne's memorandum and the changes made today to be incorporated into the final ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Daniels, seconded by Council Member Cautero, to approve Ordinance No. 2017-31 on first reading and schedule for final reading to include Ms. Senne's memorandum dated September 15, 2017 regarding FY18 budget changes, adding \$275,000 for the Venetian Walk II project, removing \$25,000 for fire prevention unit 151 from the one-cent sales tax fund,

and adding \$700,000 for pier repairs. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mayor Holic, Mr. McKeon, Ms. Gates, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Cautero and Mr. Fraize

Absent: 1 - Ms. Anderson

II. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk